UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO EASTERN DIVISION

Nancy Goodman and Jacqueline Peiffer,

Plaintiffs,

V.

J.P. Morgan Investment Management, Inc., JPMorgan Funds Management, Inc., and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.,

Defendants.

Civil No. 2:14-CV-414

Judge Frost

Magistrate Judge King

AMENDED COMPLAINT

Jury Trial Demanded

Plaintiffs Nancy Goodman and Jacqueline Peiffer (together, "Plaintiffs") bring this action against Defendants J.P. Morgan Investment Management, Inc. ("JPMIM"), JPMorgan Funds Management, Inc. ("JPMFM"), and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. ("JPMCB," and collectively with JPMIM and JPMFM, the "Defendants"). Plaintiffs allege the following upon information and belief except for those allegations as to themselves, which are alleged upon personal knowledge. The allegations are based upon an investigation conducted by and through Plaintiffs' counsel, which included, *inter alia*, a review of documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and other public information.

OVERVIEW OF ACTION

1. Plaintiffs bring this action against Defendants on behalf of and for the benefit of the JPMorgan Core Bond Fund (the "Core Bond Fund"), the JPMorgan High Yield Fund (the "High Yield Fund"), and the JPMorgan Short Duration Bond Fund (the "Short Duration Bond Fund") (collectively, the "Funds") pursuant to Section 36(b) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act"), 15 U.S.C. § 80a-35(b).

- 2. JPMIM is the investment adviser to the Funds and receives an annual fee from each Fund for providing investment advisory services, including managing each Fund's portfolio of assets.
- 3. Under Section 36(b), JPMIM owes a fiduciary duty to each Fund with respect to the investment advisory fees paid by such Fund.
- 4. JPMIM breached that fiduciary duty by receiving investment advisory fees from each of the Funds that are so disproportionately large that they bear no reasonable relationship to the value of the services provided by JPMIM and could not have been the product of arm's-length bargaining.
- 5. The investment advisory fee rates charged to the Funds are as much as 525% higher than the rates negotiated at arm's length by JPMIM with other clients for the same or substantially the same investment advisory services.
- 6. As a result of their higher fee rates, the Funds collectively pay JPMIM as much as \$108 million more in fees each year than they would pay for JPMIM's investment advisory services had the fee arrangements been negotiated at arm's length.
- 7. The Funds' investment advisory fee arrangements have enabled JPMIM to retain for itself the benefits of economies of scale resulting from increases in each of the Funds' assets under management during recent years, without appropriately sharing those benefits with the Funds.
- 8. The aggregate amount of investment advisory fees paid by the Funds has increased by more than 753% in recent years, from approximately \$22 million in fiscal year 2008 to approximately \$185 million in the Funds' fiscal year ended February 28, 2013.

- 9. The increase in the fees paid by each of the Funds was not accompanied by a proportionate increase in the services provided by JPMIM or the cost of providing investment advisory services to the Funds.
- 10. The increase in fees paid by each of the Funds resulted in increased profits for JPMIM at the expense of the Funds.
- 11. JPMFM is the administrator to the Funds and an affiliate of JPMIM. JPMFM receives an annual fee from each of Funds for providing administration services.
- 12. JPMCB is the sub-administrator to the Funds and an affiliate of JPMIM. JPMCB receives a portion of the fees paid to JPMFM for providing administration services to each of the Funds.
- 13. Under Section 36(b), JPMFM and JPMCB owe a fiduciary duty to each of the Funds with respect to the administration fees paid by each of the Funds.
- 14. JPMFM and JPMCB breached that fiduciary duty by receiving administration fees from each of Funds that are so disproportionately large that they bear no reasonable relationship to the value of the services provided by Defendants and could not have been the product of arm's-length bargaining.
- 15. The administration fees charged to the Funds are higher than the fees negotiated at arm's length by Defendants and their affiliates with other clients for the same or substantially the same administration services and higher than the fees charged by other administrators to unaffiliated mutual funds for the same or substantially the same services.
- 16. As a result of their higher rates, the Funds collectively pay JPMFM and JPMCB approximately \$21 million more in fees each year than they would pay for Defendants' administration services had the fee arrangements been negotiated at arm's length.

17. Plaintiffs bring this action to recover for each of the Funds the excessive and unlawful investment advisory fees and administration fees in violation of Section 36(b), as well as lost profits and other actual damages caused by each of the Funds' payment of those fees.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 18. The claims asserted herein arise under Section 36(b) of the 1940 Act, 15 U.S.C. § 80a-35(b).
- 19. This Court has jurisdiction of the claims pursuant to Sections 36(b)(5) and 44 of the 1940 Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 80a-35(b)(5), 80a-43, and 28 U.S.C. § 1331.
- 20. Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to Section 44 of the 1940 Act, 15 U.S.C. § 80a-43, and 28 U.S.C. § 1391 because Defendants are inhabitants of this district, maintain offices in this district, and/or transact business in this district, and because certain of the acts and transactions giving rise to Plaintiffs' claims occurred in this district.

PARTIES

- 21. Plaintiff Nancy Goodman, a resident of the State of New Jersey, is a shareholder in the Core Bond Fund and has continuously owned shares in the Core Bond Fund since at least April 2013.
- 22. Plaintiff Jacqueline Peiffer, a resident of the State of New York, is a shareholder in the Core Bond Fund, the High Yield Fund, and the Short Duration Bond Fund, and has continuously owned shares in each Fund since at least April 2013.
- 23. Defendant JPMIM is a corporation organized under Delaware law. Defendant is a subsidiary of the global financial services firm JPMorgan Chase & Co. ("JPMorgan Chase").
- 24. JPMIM maintains offices within this judicial district at 1111 Polaris Parkway, Columbus, Ohio, and 8044 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, Ohio.

- 25. Defendant JPMFM is a corporation organized under Delaware law. JPMFM is a subsidiary of JPMorgan Chase and an affiliate of JPMIM.
- 26. JPMFM maintains an office within in this judicial district at 460 Polaris Parkway, Westerville, Ohio.
- 27. JPMCB is a national banking association. JPMCB is a subsidiary of JPMorgan Chase and an affiliate of JPMIM.
- 28. JPMCB maintains an office within this judicial district at 1111 Polaris Parkway, Columbus, Ohio.

THE FUNDS' ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

- 29. Each of the Funds is an open-end management investment company, also known as a "mutual fund," registered under the 1940 Act.
- 30. Each of the Funds is organized as a series within JPMorgan Trust II ("Trust II"), which is a statutory trust formed under Delaware law pursuant to a Declaration of Trust, dated November 5, 2004. The Trust II consists of over 30 mutual funds, including the Funds.
- 31. Like other mutual funds, the Funds are collective investments that pool money from investors and invest the money in a portfolio of securities.
- 32. Each Fund issues shares to investors, such as Plaintiffs, who invest money in the Fund, and those investors become shareholders in the Fund. Each share issued by a Fund represents, and may be redeemed for, a *pro rata* interest in the Fund's underlying portfolio of securities (less any fees and other liabilities).
- 33. Like most other mutual funds, the Funds do not have employees or facilities of their own. The Funds' operations are conducted by external service providers pursuant to contracts with the Funds.

- 34. Defendant JPMIM serves as each Fund's investment adviser and, in that capacity, is responsible for managing each Fund's portfolio of securities, including researching potential investments and deciding which securities will be purchased for or sold from the portfolio.
- 35. Defendant JPMFM serves as each Fund's administrator and, in that capacity, is responsible for providing fund administration services to the Funds.
- 36. Defendant JPMCB serves as each Fund's sub-administrator and, in that capacity, is responsible for providing fund administration services to the Funds.
- 37. Other service providers, including certain of Defendants' affiliates, provide other services to the Funds and their shareholders, such as recordkeeping and accounting services, maintaining records of each shareholder's ownership of Fund shares, and managing the process by which Fund shares are purchased by or redeemed from shareholders.
- 38. The Funds are overseen by a Board of Trustees (the "Board"), which is responsible for selecting and monitoring the Funds' service providers, among other things.
- 39. The same Board of Trustees oversees each of the Funds and more than 160 other mutual funds managed by JPMIM or its affiliates. The more than 160 mutual funds managed by JPMIM are referred herein as the "JP Mutual Funds."

DEFENDANT JPMIM'S INVESTMENT ADVISORY SERVICES TO THE FUNDS

- 40. Defendant JPMIM serves as investment adviser to the Funds pursuant to an Investment Advisory Agreement (the "IAA"), initially dated August 12, 2004, and most recently amended on December 31, 2009.
- 41. The IAA requires JPMIM to provide investment advisory services to each Fund, including: (a) "provid[ing] . . . a continuous investment program" for the Fund; (b) "investment research and management with respect to all securities and investments and cash equivalents" in

the Fund's investment portfolio; (c) "determin[ing] . . . from time to time what securities and other investments will be purchased, retained or sold by the Fund"; and (d) "plac[ing] . . . orders for purchase and sale on behalf of the Fund."

- 42. The IAA requires JPMIM to maintain certain books and records relating to its investment advisory services to each Fund.
- 43. Each Fund's prospectus, filed with the SEC annually, provides additional information about the investment advisory services provided by JPMIM to the Funds, including each Fund's investment objective, the types of securities in which each Fund invests, and the strategies employed by JPMIM in managing each Fund.

Core Bond Fund

- 44. According to the Core Bond Fund's prospectus filed with the SEC on June 28, 2013 (the "Core Bond Fund Prospectus"), JPMIM invests the Core Bond Fund's portfolio in the following types of securities: (a) the Fund will invest at least 80% of its portfolio in bonds; (b) the Fund principally invests in corporate bonds, U.S. treasury obligations and other U.S. government and agency securities, and asset-backed, mortgage-related and mortgage-backed securities; (c) the average weighted maturity of the Fund's bond holdings will ordinarily range between 4 and 12 years; (d) the Fund's bond holdings will be U.S. dollar-denominated; (e) the Fund's bond holdings will be rated investment grade at the time of purchase; and (f) no more than 10% of the Fund's portfolio will be invested in so-called "subprime" mortgage securities.
- 45. The Core Bond Fund Prospectus further states that JPMIM will employ the following investment strategies in managing the Core Bond Fund:

The adviser buys and sells securities and investments for the Fund based on its view of individual securities and market sectors. Taking a long-term approach, the adviser looks for individual fixed income investments that it believes will perform well over market

cycles. The adviser is value oriented and makes decisions to purchase and sell individual securities and instruments after performing a risk/reward analysis that includes an evaluation of interest rate risk, credit risk, duration, liquidity and the complex legal and technical structure of the transaction.

- 46. The team of JPMIM portfolio managers, research analysts, and traders who are responsible for providing investment advisory services to the Core Bond Fund is known as the Columbus Taxable Bond Team.
- 47. The Columbus Taxable Bond Team is led by portfolio manager Douglas Swanson, who is principally responsible for JPMIM's investment advisory services to the Core Bond Fund.
- 48. Mr. Swanson and the Columbus Taxable Bond Team are based in JPMIM's office in Columbus, Ohio.

High Yield Fund

- 49. According to the High Yield Fund's prospectus filed with the SEC on June 28, 2013 (the "High Yield Fund Prospectus"), JPMIM invests the High Yield Fund's portfolio in the following types of securities: (a) the Fund will invest at least 80%, and up to 100%, of its portfolio in bonds or other debt instruments that are rated below investment grade or unrated; (b) up to 20% of the Fund's portfolio may be invested in other securities, including securities rated investment grade; (c) up to 30% of the Fund's portfolio may be invested in loans and unfunded commitments; and (d) the average weighted maturity of the Fund's bond holdings will ordinarily range between 3 and 10 years.
- 50. The High Yield Fund Prospectus further states that JPMIM will employ the following investment strategies in managing the High Yield Fund:

The adviser focuses on value in buying and selling securities for the Fund by looking at individual securities against the context of broader market factors. For each issuer, the adviser performs an in-depth analysis of the issuer, including business prospects, management, capital requirements, capital structure, enterprise value and security structure and convenants. In addition, the adviser monitors investments on an ongoing basis by staying abreast of positive and negative credit developments expediting the review of the Fund's investments that are considered to be most risky.

- 51. The team of JPMIM portfolio managers, research analysts, and traders who are responsible for providing investment advisory services to the High Yield Fund is known as the Columbus/Cincinnati High Yield Team.
- 52. The Columbus/Cincinnati High Yield Team is led by portfolio manager William Morgan, who is principally responsible for JPMIM's investment advisory services to the High Yield Fund.
- 53. Mr. Morgan and the Columbus/Cincinnati High Yield Team are based in JPMIM's office in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Short Duration Bond Fund

- June 28, 2013 (the "Short Duration Bond Fund Prospectus"), JPMIM invests the Short Duration Bond Fund's portfolio in the following types of securities: (a) the Fund principally invests in U.S. treasury obligations, U.S. government agency securities, corporate bonds, asset-backed securities, mortgage-backed securities, mortgage-related securities, and structured instruments; (b) securities purchased by the Fund will be rated investment grade (or the unrated equivalent) at the time of purchase; and (c) consistent with the Fund's short-duration strategy, the Fund's duration and effective average weighted maturity ordinarily will be three years or less.
- 55. The Short Duration Bond Fund Prospectus further states that JPMIM will employ the following investment strategies in managing the Short Duration Bond Fund:

The adviser buys and sells securities and investments for the Fund based on its view of individual securities and market sectors. The adviser looks for individual fixed income investments that it believes will perform well over market cycles. The adviser is value oriented and makes decisions to purchase and sell individual securities and instruments after performing a risk/reward analysis that includes an evaluation of interest rate risk, credit risk, duration, liquidity and the complex legal and technical structure of the transaction.

- 56. The team of JPMIM portfolio managers, research analysts, and traders who are responsible for providing investment advisory services to the Short Duration Bond Fund is known as the Short Duration Bond Team.
- 57. The Short Duration Bond Team is led by portfolio manager Gregg Hrivnak, who is principally responsible for JPMIM's investment advisory services to the Short Duration Bond Fund.
- 58. Mr. Hrivnak and the Short Duration Bond Team are based in JPMIM's office in Columbus, Ohio.
- 59. In providing investment advisory services to the Funds, JPMIM must comply with the 1940 Act and related rules and regulations issued by the SEC, as well as with various provisions of federal tax law.
- 60. The Columbus Taxable Bond Team, the Columbus/Cincinnati High Yield Team, and the Short Duration Bond Team are supported by a staff of legal, compliance, and administrative personnel, which is responsible for ensuring that JPMIM's investment advisory services comply with applicable law, including the 1940 Act, and for maintaining books and records relating to JPMIM's provision of investment advisory services to the Funds.

INVESTMENT ADVISORY FEES CHARGED TO AND PAID BY THE FUNDS

- 61. In exchange for the investment advisory services provided by JPMIM to the Funds, the IAA requires each Fund to pay JPMIM an annual fee that is calculated as a percentage of the Fund's assets under management or "AUM."
- 62. The Core Bond Fund's investment advisory fee rate is 30 basis points or 0.30% of the Fund's AUM.
- 63. The Core Bond Fund paid JPMIM more than \$82,000,000 in investment advisory fees during fiscal year 2013.
- 64. The High Yield Fund's investment advisory fee rate is 65 basis points or 0.65% of the Fund's AUM.
- 65. The High Yield Fund paid JPMIM more than \$73,000,000 in investment advisory fees during fiscal year 2013.
- 66. The Short Duration Bond Fund's investment advisory fee rate is 25 basis points or 0.25% of the Fund's AUM.
- 67. The Short Duration Bond Fund paid JPMIM more than \$29,000,000 in investment advisory fees during fiscal year 2013.

DEFENDANT JPMIM PROVIDES THE SAME OR SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME INVESTMENT ADVISORY SERVICES TO SUBADVISED FUNDS FOR LOWER FEES

- 68. JPMIM provides investment advisory services to other clients.
- 69. Those clients include the following mutual funds: (a) the MetLife JPMorgan Core Bond Portfolio (the "MetLife Subadvised Core Bond Fund"), (b) the Columbia Variable Portfolio JPMorgan Core Bond Fund (the "Columbia Subadvised Core Bond Fund"), (c) the Transamerica Core Bond Fund (the "Transamerica Subadvised Core Bond Fund"), (d) the LVIP

JPMorgan High Yield Fund (the "LVIP Subadvised High Yield Fund"), (e) the Principal High Yield Fund I (the "Principal Subadvised High Yield Fund"), (f) the AST High Yield Portfolio (the "AST Subadvised High Yield Fund"), and (g) the Pemberwick Fund (the "Subadvised Short Duration Bond Fund"). These funds are collectively referred to herein as the "Subadvised Funds."

- 70. Each of the Subadvised Funds was organized and sponsored by a financial institution independent of JPMIM.
- 71. Like the Funds, each of the Subadvised Funds is an open-end management investment company and is registered under the 1940 Act.
- 72. Like the Funds, each of the Subadvised Funds is part of a business trust or corporation organized under state law.
- 73. Like the Funds, each of the Subadvised Funds issues shares to investors who invest money in the fund, and each share represents, and may be redeemed for, a *pro rata* interest in the Subadvised Fund's underlying portfolio of securities (less any fees and other liabilities).
- 74. The Subadvised Funds' financial institution sponsors nominally serve as the funds' investment advisers. They have investment advisory contracts with the funds, and receive investment advisory fees from the funds.
- 75. Each of the financial institution sponsors has subcontracted with JPMIM to provide investment advisory services to the Subadvised Funds. Pursuant to subadvisory agreements between JPMIM and each of the financial institution sponsors, JPMIM acts as a so-called "subadviser" and provides investment advisory services to each Subadvised Fund in exchange for a fee.

- 76. The fees that JPMIM receives for providing investment advisory services to the Subadvised Funds are paid by the financial institution sponsors of those funds.
- 77. The investment advisory services that JPMIM provides as subadviser to the Subadvised Funds are the same or substantially the same as the services JPMIM provides to the Funds pursuant to the IAA.
- The subadvisory agreements require JPMIM to provide the same or substantially the same types of investment advisory services as are required by the Funds' IAA. For example, like the Funds' IAA, the subadvisory agreement for the MetLife Subadvised Core Bond Fund requires JPMIM to: (a) "manage the investment and reinvestment of the portfolio assets" of the MetLife Subadvised Core Bond Fund; (b) "make all determinations with respect to the purchase and sale of portfolio securities and other financial instruments" on behalf of the MetLife Subadvised Core Bond Fund; and (c) "place orders for the execution of portfolio transactions" on behalf of the MetLife Subadvised Core Bond Fund.
- 79. Like the Funds' IAA, the subadvisory agreements require JPMIM to maintain books and records relating to its provision of investment advisory services to the Subadvised Funds.

Subadvised Core Bond Funds

80. Defendant JPMIM employs the same or substantially the same investment strategies and invests in the same or substantially the same types of securities on behalf of the MetLife Subadvised Core Bond Fund, the Columbia Subadvised Core Bond Fund, and the Transamerica Subadvised Core Bond Fund (collectively, the "Subadvised Core Bond Funds") as it does on behalf of the Core Bond Fund. For example, the following chart compares the Core

Bond Fund's Prospectus to the prospectus for the MetLife Subadvised Core Bond Fund filed on April 28, 2014 and shows that they are substantively identical:

	JPMorgan Core Bond Fund	MetLife Subadvised Core Bond Fund
Types of Securities	at least 80% in bonds	at least 80% in bonds
	investment grade intermediate- and long-term debt securities	investment grade intermediate- and long-term debt securities
	principally corporate bonds, U.S. treasury obligations and other U.S. government and agency securities, and asset-backed, mortgage-related and mortgage-backed securities	principally corporate bonds, U.S. treasury obligations and other U.S. government and agency securities, and asset-backed, mortgage-related and mortgage-backed securities
	average weighted maturity will ordinarily range between 4 and 12 years	average weighted maturity will ordinarily range between 4 and 12 years
	U.S. dollar-denominated	U.S. dollar-denominated
	no more than 10% in "sub-prime" mortgage-related securities at time of purchase	no more than 10% in "sub-prime" mortgage-related securities at time of purchase
Investment Strategies	"The adviser buys and sells securities and investments based on its view of individual securities and market sectors."	"JPMIM buys and sells securities and investments based on its view of individual securities and market sectors."
	"Taking a long-term approach, the adviser looks for individual fixed income investments that it believes will perform well over market cycles."	"Taking a long-term approach, JPMIM looks for individual fixed income investments that it believes will perform well over market cycles."
	"The adviser is value oriented and makes decisions to purchase and sell individual securities and instruments after performing a risk/reward analysis that includes evaluation of interest rate risk, credit risk, duration, liquidity and the complex legal and technical structure of the transaction."	"JPMIM is value oriented and makes decisions to purchase and sell individual securities and instruments after performing a risk/reward analysis that includes an evaluation of interest rate risk, credit risk, duration, liquidity and the complex legal and technical structure of the transaction."

- 81. The Columbus Taxable Bond Team, led by portfolio manager Douglas Swanson, manages each Subadvised Core Bond Fund's investment portfolio.
- 82. The Columbus Taxable Bond Team uses the same or substantially the same investment strategies, research and analysis, and systems, technology, and other resources in providing investment advisory services to the Subadvised Core Bond Funds as it uses in providing investment advisory services to the Core Bond Fund.

Subadvised High Yield Funds

83. Defendant JPMIM employs the same or substantially the same investment strategies and invests in the same or substantially the same types of securities on behalf of the LVIP Subadvised High Yield Fund, the Principal Subadvised High Yield Fund, and the AST Subadvised High Yield Fund (collectively, the "Subadvised High Yield Funds") as it does on behalf of the High Yield Fund. For example, the following chart compares the High Yield Fund's Prospectus to the prospectus for the LVIP Subadvised High Yield Fund filed on May 1, 2014 and shows that they are substantively identical:

	JPMorgan High Yield Fund	LVIP Subadvised High Yield Fund
Types of Securities	at least 80%, and up to 100%, in bonds and other debt instruments that are rated below investment grade or unrated	at least 80%, and up to 100%, in bonds and other debt instruments that are rated below investment grade or unrated
	up to 20% in other securities, including securities rated investment grade	up to 20% in other securities, including securities rated investment grade
	up to 30% in loans and unfunded commitments	up to 30% in loans and unfunded commitments
	average weighted maturity will ordinarily range between 3 and 10 years	average weighted maturity will ordinarily range between 3 and 10 years

	JPMorgan High Yield Fund	LVIP Subadvised High Yield Fund
Investment Strategies	"The adviser focuses on value in buying and selling securities for the Fund by looking at individual securities against the context of broader market factors."	"The sub-adviser focuses on value in choosing securities for the Fund by looking at individual securities against the context of broader market factors."
	"For each issuer, the adviser performs an in-depth analysis of the issuer, including business prospects, management, capital requirements, capital structure, enterprise value and security structure and convenants."	"For each securities issuer, the sub-adviser performs an in-depth analysis of the issuer including business prospects, management, capital requirements, capital structure, enterprise value, and security structure and covenants."
	"In addition, the adviser monitors investments on an ongoing basis by staying abreast of positive and negative credit developments expediting the review of the Fund's investments that are considered to be most risky."	"In addition, the sub-adviser monitors investments on an ongoing basis by staying abreast of positive and negative credit developments, expediting the review of the Fund's investments that are considered to be the most risky."

- 84. The Columbus/Cincinnati High Yield Team, led by portfolio manager William Morgan, manages each Subadvised High Yield Fund's investment portfolio.
- 85. The Columbus/Cincinnati High Yield Team uses the same or substantially the same investment strategies, research and analysis, and systems, technology, and other resources in providing investment advisory services to the Subadvised High Yield Funds as it uses in providing investment advisory services to the High Yield Fund.

Subadvised Short Duration Bond Fund

86. Defendant JPMIM employs the same or substantially the same investment strategies and invests in the same or substantially the same types of securities on behalf of the Subadvised Short Duration Bond Fund as it does on behalf of the Short Duration Bond Fund, as shown in the following chart.

	JPMorgan Short Duration Bond Fund	Subadvised Short Duration Bond Fund
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Types of Securities	Principally invests in U.S. treasury obligations, U.S. government agency securities, corporate bonds, asset-backed securities, mortgage-backed securities, mortgage-related securities, and structured instruments	Primarily invests in U.S. Government securities, municipal securities, commercial paper, time deposits and certificates of deposit, corporate debt obligations, and open-end investment companies
	Securities rated investment grade (or the unrated equivalent) at the time of purchase	Securities rated A- or better by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization or deemed to be of comparable quality if unrated
	Duration and effective average weighted maturity ordinarily will be 3 years or less.	Effective average duration generally targeted at between 1 and 3 years
Investment Strategies	"The adviser buys and sells securities and investments for the Fund based on its view of individual securities and market sectors."	"The Sub-Advisor selects securities by analyzing both individual securities and different market sectors"
	"The adviser looks for individual fixed income investments that it believes will perform well over market cycles."	"[The Sub-Advisor] looks for market sectors and individual securities that it believes will perform well over time."
	"The adviser is value oriented and makes decisions to purchase and sell individual securities and instruments after performing a risk/reward analysis that includes an evaluation of interest rate risk, credit risk, duration, liquidity and the complex legal and technical structure of the transaction."	"The Sub-Advisor selects individual securities after performing a risk/reward analysis that includes an evaluation of interest rate risk, credit risk and the complex legal and technical structure of the transaction."

- 87. The Short Duration Bond Team, led by portfolio manager Gregg Hrivnak, manages the Subadvised Short Duration Bond Fund's investment portfolio.
- 88. The Short Duration Bond Team uses the same or substantially the same investment strategies, research and analysis, and systems, technology, and other resources in

providing investment advisory services to the Subadvised Short Duration Bond Fund as it uses in providing investment advisory services to the Short Duration Bond Fund.

- 89. In providing investment advisory services to the Subadvised Funds, JPMIM must comply with the same or substantially the same provisions of the 1940 Act, SEC regulations, and federal tax law as when it provides investment advisory services to the Fund.
- 90. The same or substantially the same legal, compliance, and administrative personnel are responsible for ensuring that JPMIM's investment advisory services comply with applicable law and for maintaining books and records relating to JPMIM's provision of investment advisory services to the Subadvised Funds. They use the same or substantially the same systems, technology, and other resources in performing those tasks for the Subadvised Funds as they use for the Funds.

THE FUNDS PAY HIGHER INVESTMENT ADVISORY FEES THAN THE SUBADVISED FUNDS FOR JPMIM'S INVESTMENT ADVISORY SERVICES

91. The fees that JPMIM receives for providing investment advisory services to the Subadvised Funds are lower than the fees paid by the Funds to JPMIM for the same or substantially the same services.

Core Bond Fund

92. As shown in the following chart, the Core Bond Fund's investment advisory fee rate of 30 basis points on all AUM is 100% to 150% higher than the fee rates paid on behalf of the Subadvised Core Bond Funds.

Fund	Fee Rate	Difference (%)
JPMorgan Core Bond Fund	0.30% on all AUM	
MetLife Subadvised Core Bond Fund	0.12% on all AUM	150%
Columbia Subadvised Core Bond Fund	0.15% on all AUM	100%
Transamerica Subadvised Core Bond Fund	0.15% on AUM up to \$1.5 billion; and 0.12% on AUM over \$1.5 billion	100% - 150%

93. If the Core Bond Fund's investment advisory fees were calculated using the fee rates for the Subadvised Core Bond Funds, the Core Bond Fund would pay up to \$41.4 million less in fees annually at asset levels as of March 31, 2014 (approximately \$23 billion in AUM), as shown in the following chart.

Fee Schedule	Fees Paid (at \$23B in AUM)	Difference (\$)
JPMorgan Core Bond Fund	\$69,000,000	
MetLife Subadvised Core Bond Fund	\$27,600,000	\$41,400,000
Columbia Subadvised Core Bond Fund	\$34,500,000	\$34,500,000
Transamerica Subadvised Core Bond Fund	\$28,050,000	\$40,950,000

High Yield Fund

94. The High Yield Fund's investment advisory fee rate of 65 basis points on all AUM is 103% to 160% higher than the fee rates paid on behalf of the Subadvised High Yield Funds.

Fund	Fee Rate	Difference (%)
JPMorgan High Yield Fund	0.65% on all AUM	
AST Subadvised High Yield Fund	0.27% on all AUM if AUM are less than \$1 billion; or 0.25% on all AUM if AUM are greater than \$1 billion	140% - 160%
Principal Subadvised High Yield Fund	0.30% on all AUM	116%
LVIP Subadvised High Yield Fund	0.32% on all AUM	103%

95. If the High Yield Fund's investment advisory fees were calculated using the fee rates for the Subadvised High Yield Funds, the High Yield Fund would pay up to \$44.0 million less in fees annually at asset levels as of March 31, 2014 (approximately \$11 billion in AUM).

Fee Schedule	Fees Paid (at \$11B in AUM)	Difference (\$)
JPMorgan High Yield Fund	\$71,500,000	
AST Subadvised High Yield Fund	\$27,500,000	\$44,000,000
Principal Subadvised High Yield Fund	\$33,000,000	\$38,500,000
LVIP Subadvised High Yield Fund	\$35,200,000	\$36,300,000

Short Duration Bond Fund

96. The Short Duration Bond Fund's investment advisory fee rate of 25 basis points on all AUM is as much as 525% higher than the fee rate paid on behalf of the Subadvised Short Duration Bond Fund.

Fund	Fee Rate	Difference (%)
JPMorgan Short Duration Bond Fund	0.25% on all AUM	
Subadvised Short Duration Bond Fund	0.20% on AUM up to \$50 million; 0.15% on AUM from \$50 million to \$100 million; 0.125% on AUM from \$100 million to \$200 million; 0.10% on AUM from \$200 million to \$300 million; 0.08% on AUM from \$300 million to \$500 million; 0.06% on AUM from \$500 million to \$1 billion; and 0.04% on AUM over \$1 billion	25% - 525%

97. If the Short Duration Bond Fund's investment advisory fees were calculated using the fee rate for the Subadvised Short Duration Bond Fund, the Short Duration Bond Fund would pay up to \$22.6 million less in fees annually at asset levels as of March 31, 2014 (approximately \$11 billion in AUM).

Fee Schedule	Fees Paid (at \$11B in AUM)	Difference (\$)
JPMorgan Short Duration Bond Fund	\$27,500,000	
Subadvised Short Duration Bond Fund	\$4,860,000	\$22,640,000

- 98. The higher fees paid by the Funds to JPMIM pursuant to the IAA as set forth in the preceding paragraphs are not justified by any additional services provided to the Funds by JPMIM or its affiliates.
- 99. Insofar as JPMIM or its affiliates provide other services to the Funds, beyond the investment advisory services discussed above, those services are provided pursuant to separate contracts for separate compensation, in addition to the fees paid to JPMIM under the IAA.

DEFENDANT JPMIM HAS NOT ADEQUATELY SHARED THE BENEFITS OF ECONOMIES OF SCALE WITH THE FUNDS

- 100. The Core Bond Fund's assets have increased in the past several years, with AUM growing from less than \$4.5 billion as of February 29, 2008 to more than \$29 billion at the end of fiscal year 2013 on February 28, 2013. Although the Core Bond Fund's AUM have declined during the current fiscal year, with more than \$23 billion in AUM as of March 31, 2014, the Fund remains above historic asset levels.
- 101. As a result of the increase in AUM, the amount of investment advisory fees paid by the Core Bond Fund increased by more than 650%, from approximately \$11 million in fiscal year 2008 to approximately \$82 million in fiscal year 2013.
- 102. The High Yield Fund's AUM increased from approximately \$1.8 billion as of the end of fiscal year 2008 to approximately \$11.3 billion at the end of fiscal year 2013. As of March 31, 2014, the Fund's AUM remained at approximately \$11 billion.
- 103. As a result of the increase in AUM, the amount of investment advisory fees paid by the High Yield Fund increased by more than 703%, from approximately \$9.2 million in fiscal year 2008 to approximately \$73.8 million in fiscal year 2013.
- 104. The Short Duration Bond Fund's AUM increased from approximately \$1.7 billion as of the end of fiscal year 2008 to approximately \$12.3 billion at the end of fiscal year 2013. As of March 31, 2014, the Fund's AUM were approximately \$11 billion.
- 105. As a result of the increase in AUM, the amount of investment advisory fees paid by the Short Duration Bond Fund increased by more than 1,643%, from approximately \$1.7 million in fiscal year 2008 to approximately \$29.2 million in fiscal year 2013.
- 106. The increase in investment advisory fees paid to Defendant JPMIM by each Fund as detailed in the preceding paragraphs was not accompanied by a proportionate increase in the

work or cost required by Defendant JPMIM to provide investment advisory services to the Funds.

- 107. Defendant JPMIM realized economies of scale as the Funds' AUM increased, which reduced the cost, as a percentage of the Funds' AUM, of providing investment advisory services to each Fund, and increased the profitability to JPMIM of providing those services.
- 108. Because investment advisers realize economies of scale as AUM increase, mutual fund investment advisory fee schedules often include breakpoints, which reduce a fund's fee rate as AUM increase.
- 109. For example, the fee paid to JPMIM for providing investment advisory services to the Subadvised Short Duration Bond Fund begins at 20 basis points (or 0.20%) on the first \$50 million in AUM; then falls to 15 basis points (or 0.15%) on the next \$50 million in AUM; 12.5 basis points (or 0.125%) on the next \$100 million in AUM; 10 basis points (or 0.10%) on the next \$100 million in AUM; 8 basis points (or 0.08%) on the next \$200 million in AUM; 6 basis points on the next \$500 million in AUM; and 4 basis points (or 0.04%) on AUM greater than \$1 billion.
- 110. Breakpoints enable a fund to share in the benefits of economies of scale by reducing the fee rate it pays as AUM increase.
- 111. Absent breakpoints, or if the breakpoints do not appropriately reduce the effective fee rate paid by a fund, the benefits of economies of scale accrue to a fund's investment adviser in the form of higher fees and profits.
- 112. The Funds' investment advisory fee schedules do not include any breakpoints, and the investment advisory fee rate paid by each Fund remains the same regardless of the amount of the Fund's AUM.

113. The investment advisory fee rates charged to and paid by the Funds have not allowed the Funds to appropriately benefit from economies of scale as the Funds' AUM have increased in recent years.

DEFENDANTS' ADMINISTRATION SERVICES TO THE FUNDS

- 114. JPMFM serves as the administrator to the Funds, pursuant to the Administration Agreement dated February 19, 2005, as amended on June 21, 2012 (the "JPMorgan Administration Agreement").
- 115. The JPMorgan Administration Agreement requires JPMFM to provide each of the Funds the following administration services:
- a. **Financial Management and Reporting Services**, including preparing the Funds' annual and semi-annual financial statements; preparing budgets and managing the Fund's expenses; and coordinating annual audit activities;
- b. **Tax Services**, including preparing and filing the Funds' federal and state tax returns; and monitoring the Funds' compliance with various tax rules and regulations;
- c. **Compliance Services,** including monitoring each Fund's compliance with its investment guidelines and other regulatory requirements; and assisting the Trust's Chief Compliance Officer with the Trust's compliance program;
- d. **Fund Governance**, including providing reports, evaluations, information, analyses, and materials to the Board; providing personnel for Board meetings; preparing and maintaining the Trust's governing documents; and providing assistance with respect to shareholder meetings for the Funds;

- e. **Regulatory Affairs,** including arranging for filing and dissemination of the Funds' regulatory filings and disclosure materials; and assisting with examinations or inspections by the SEC and other regulators; and
- f. **General Administrative Services**, including furnishing the Funds with office facilities, equipment, and personnel; and preparing and administering contracts with the Funds' transfer agent, shareholder servicing agent, custodian, and other service providers.
- 116. Pursuant to the JPMorgan Administration Agreement, JPMFM may subcontract with other entities or persons to provide administration services.
- 117. JPMCB serves as the Funds' sub-administrator and provides certain administration services on behalf of JPMFM.

ADMINISTRATION FEES CHARGED TO AND PAID BY THE FUNDS

- 118. In exchange for the administration services provided to the Funds, the JPMorgan Administration Agreement requires each Fund to pay JPMFM an annual fee. The administration fee is calculated as percentage of each Fund's AUM with breakpoints based on the combined AUM of the JP Mutual Funds.
- 119. For the fiscal year ended February 28, 2015, JPMFM charged the Funds approximately \$23,869,000 in administration fees. The following table sets forth the amount of administration fees charged and the effective management fee rate (after waivers and reimbursements) for each of the Funds:

Funds	Administration Fees	Net Effective Administration Fee Rate
Core Bond Fund	\$13,906,000	0.056%
High Yield Fund	\$5,054,000	0.048%
Short Duration Bond Fund	\$4,909,000	0.044%
Total	\$23,869,000	

- 120. JPMCB receives a portion of the administration fees paid to JPMFM by the Funds.
- 121. In addition to the administration fees, the JPMorgan Administration Agreement requires each Fund to pay (or to reimburse JPMFM for) many of the costs associated with the administration services provided to the Funds. For example, the JPMorgan Administration Agreement requires the Funds to pay (or to reimburse JPMFM for): (a) organization costs; (b) fees and expenses for legal and auditing services; (c) the expenses of preparing (including typesetting), printing, and mailing reports, prospectuses, statements of additional information, proxy solicitation material, and notices to existing shareholders; (d) the cost of initial and ongoing registration of the shares under Federal and state securities laws; and (e) reasonable out-of-pocket expenses, including the travel and lodging expenses incurred by officers and employees of JPMFM in connection with attendance at Board meetings.

THE ADMINISTRATION FEES CHARGED TO THE FUNDS ARE HIGHER THAN THOSE CHARGED TO UNAFFILIATED CLIENTS

122. JPMorgan Chase, through its subsidiaries, including JPMFM, JPMCB, and J.P. Morgan Investor Services Co. ("JPMIS"), provides fund administration services to the Funds and to unaffiliated mutual funds. Those unaffiliated mutual funds include ProShares Trust (the

"ProShares Funds") and EQ Advisors Trust (the "EQ Funds," and collectively referred as the "Unaffiliated Funds").

- 123. JPMIS provides fund administration services to the ProShares Funds pursuant to a Fund Services Agreement between ProShares Trust and JPMIS dated June 16, 2006, as amended on December 30, 2011 (the "ProShares Funds Agreement").
- 124. JPMCB provides fund administration services to the EQ Funds pursuant to a Mutual Funds Sub-Administration Agreement between AXA Equitable Funds Management Group, LLC and JPMCB dated May 1, 2011 (the "EQ Funds Agreement").
- 125. As shown in the chart attached as Exhibit A, the administration services provided to the ProShares Funds and the EQ Funds pursuant to the ProShares Funds Agreement and the EQ Funds Agreement, respectively, are the same or substantially the same as administration services provided to the Funds pursuant to the JPMorgan Administration Agreement.
- 126. JPMCB and JPMIS use the same or substantially the same systems, technology, personnel, and other resources in performing fund administration services for the Unaffiliated Funds as Defendants use in performing the same or substantially the same services for the Funds.
- 127. In addition to the fund administration services described above, JPMCB and JPMIS provide additional services to the Unaffiliated Funds that are not provided to the Funds pursuant to the JPMorgan Administration Agreement.
- 128. The ProShares Funds Agreement and the EQ Funds Agreement require JPMIS and JPMCB, respectively, to provide trust and fund accounting services to the Unaffiliated Funds, including maintaining records of the funds' assets, calculating each fund's Net Asset Value, and accounting for dividend and interest income received by the funds.

- 129. In contrast, JPMCB provides trust and fund accounting services to the Funds pursuant to an Amended and Restated Global Custody and Fund Accounting Agreement dated September 1, 2010 (the "JPMorgan Fund Accounting Agreement").
- 130. The JPMorgan Fund Accounting Agreement requires the Funds to pay a fee to JPMCB for fund accounting services, which is separate from and in addition to the administration fee charged pursuant to the JPMorgan Administration Agreement.
- 131. Notwithstanding that the ProShares Funds Agreement and the EQ Funds Agreement require JPMIS and JPMCB to provide additional services, the fees that JPMIS and JPMCB receive from the Unaffiliated Funds are lower than the fees paid by the Funds to Defendants pursuant to the JPMorgan Administration Agreement.
- 132. Pursuant to the ProShares Funds Agreement, the administration fee charged to each ProShares Fund is an \$18,000 annual fixed fee plus an asset-based fee of: 15 basis points (or 0.15%) on the first \$50 million in AUM; 5 basis points (or 0.05%) on the next \$50 million in AUM; 3 basis points (or 0.03%) on the next \$150 million; 2 basis point (or 0.02%) on the next \$500 million in AUM; and 0.25 basis points (or 0.0025%) on AUM greater than \$1 billion.
- 133. If the Funds' administration fees were calculated using the fee schedule for the ProShares Funds, the Funds would pay approximately \$21.8 million less in administration fees annually at asset levels as of February 28, 2015, as shown in the following chart:

Funds	Fees Paid per JPMorgan Administration Agreement	Fees Paid per ProShares Funds Agreement	Difference
Core Bond Fund	\$13,906,000	\$910,000	\$12,996,000
High Yield Fund	\$5,054,000	\$549,000	\$4,505,000
Short Duration Bond Fund	\$4,909,000	\$567,000	\$4,342,000
	\$23,869,000	\$2,026,000	\$21,843,000

- 134. Pursuant to the EQ Funds Agreement, the administration fee charged to each EQ Fund is a \$20,000 fixed annual fee plus an asset-based fee of: 1.5 basis points (or 0.0150%) on the first \$3 billion in AUM; 1.25 basis points (or 0.0125%) on the next \$3 billion in AUM; 1 basis point (or 0.010%) on the next \$4 billion; and 0.75 basis points (or 0.0075%) on AUM greater than \$10 billion.
- 135. If the Funds' administration fees were calculated using the fee schedule for the EQ Funds, the Funds would pay approximately \$18.9 million less in administration fees annually at asset levels as of February 28, 2015, as shown in the following chart:

Funds	Fees Paid per JPMorgan Administration Agreement	Fees Paid per EQ Funds Agreement	Difference
Core Bond Fund	\$13,906,000	\$2,360,000	\$11,546,000
High Yield Fund	\$5,054,000	\$1,278,000	\$3,765,000
Short Duration Bond Fund	\$4,909,000	\$1,333,000	\$3,554,000
	\$23,869,000	\$4,971,000	\$18,898,000

- 136. The higher administration fees paid by the Funds pursuant to the JPMorgan Administration Agreement as set forth in the preceding paragraphs are not justified by any additional services provided to the Funds by Defendants or their affiliates.
- 137. As noted above, the ProShares Funds Agreement and the EQ Funds Agreement require JPMIS and JPMCB, respectively, to provide trust and fund accounting services to the Unaffiliated Funds in exchange for the administration fees paid by those funds, whereas JPMCB receives separate compensation (in addition to the administration fees paid by the Funds pursuant to the JPMorgan Administration Agreement) for providing accounting services to the Funds.
- 138. Insofar as Defendants provide any services pursuant to the JPMorgan Administration Agreement that are not provided to the ProShares Funds or the EQ Funds, such services are *de minimis* and do not justify the more than \$18 million in additional administration fees paid by the Funds to Defendants each year.

THE ADMINISTRATION FEES CHARGED TO THE FUNDS ARE HIGHER THAN THOSE CHARGED BY OTHER ADMINISTRATORS

- 139. Other administrators provide fund administration services to unaffiliated mutual funds that are the same or substantially the same as the services provided to the Funds pursuant to the JPMorgan Administration Agreement. The other administrators include State Street Bank & Trust Company ("State Street") and U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC ("US Bank").
- 140. The fees charged by State Street and US Bank to unaffiliated mutual funds are negotiated at arm's length between the administrator and the funds or a representative of the funds.
- 141. The fees charged by State Street and US Bank to unaffiliated mutual funds are lower than the fees charged to the Funds pursuant to the JPMorgan Administration Agreement for the same or substantially the same fund administration services.

- 142. For example, State Street provides fund administration services to the Met Investors Series Trust and the Metropolitan Series Fund (together, the "MetLife Funds") pursuant to an Amended and Restated Master Administration Agreement dated October 1, 2012 (the "MetLife Funds Agreement").
- 143. The MetLife Funds Agreement requires State Street to provide the same or substantially the same administration services as are provided to the Funds pursuant to the JPMorgan Administration Agreement, including financial management and reporting services, tax services, compliance services, fund governance, regulatory affairs, and general administrative services.
- 144. The MetLife Funds Agreement also requires State Street to provide fund accounting services to the MetLife Funds, including calculating each fund's Net Asset Value and maintaining certain books and records.
- 145. Pursuant to the MetLife Funds Agreement, the administration fee charged to each MetLife Fund is an asset-based fee of 1 basis point (or 0.01%).
- 146. If the Funds' administration fees were calculated using the fee schedule for the MetLife Funds, the Funds would pay approximately \$19.2 million less in administration fees annually at asset levels as of February 28, 2015, as shown in the following chart:

Funds	Fees Paid per JPMorgan Administration Agreement	Fees Paid per MetLife Funds Agreement	Difference
Core Bond Fund	\$13,906,000	\$2,486,000	\$11,420,000
High Yield Fund	\$5,054,000	\$1,044,000	\$4,010,000
Short Duration Bond Fund	\$4,909,000	\$1,117,000	\$3,792,000
	\$23,869,000	\$4,647,000	\$19,222,000

- 147. US Bank provides fund administration services to the Bridge Builder Bond Fund pursuant to a Master Services Agreement between US Bank and the Bridge Builder Trust dated May 22, 2013 (the "Bridge Builder Funds Agreement").
- 148. The Bridge Builder Funds Agreement requires US Bank to provide the same or substantially the same administration services as are provided to the Funds pursuant to the JPMorgan Administration Agreement, including financial management and reporting services, tax services, compliance services, fund governance, regulatory affairs, and general administrative services.
- 149. Pursuant to the Bridge Builder Funds Agreement, US Bank charges the Bridge Builder Bond Fund an effective administration fee rate of approximately 1.45 basis points (or 0.0145%).
- 150. If the Funds' administration fees were calculated using the fee rate for the Bridge Builder Bond Fund, the Funds would pay approximately \$17.1 million less in administration fees annually at asset levels as of February 28, 2015, as shown in the following chart:

Funds	Fees Paid per JPMorgan Administration Agreement	Fees Paid per Bridge Builder Funds Agreement	Difference
Core Bond Fund	\$13,906,000	\$3,605,000	\$10,301,000
High Yield Fund	\$5,054,000	\$1,514,000	\$3,540,000
Short Duration Bond Fund	\$4,909,000	\$1,620,000	\$3,289,000
	\$23,869,000	\$6,739,000	\$17,130,000

THE ADMINISTRATION FEES PAID TO JPMFM ARE DUPLICATIVE OF FEES PAID BY THE FUNDS TO OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS

- 151. The administration services provided pursuant to the JPMorgan Administration Agreement overlap with services provided to the Funds by other entities, including certain of Defendants' affiliates, pursuant to separate contracts and in exchange for separate fees, resulting in the Funds paying duplicative fees for those services.
- 152. The Funds are subject to a Shareholder Servicing Agreement, dated February 19, 2005, with one of Defendants' affiliates, JPMorgan Distribution Services, Inc. (the "Shareholder Servicing Agent"), which requires the Shareholder Servicing Agent to provide certain services to the Funds.
- 153. The services provided by the Shareholder Servicing Agent pursuant to the Shareholder Servicing Agreement include: (a) "answering Shareholder inquiries . . . regarding account status and history, the manner in which purchases and redemptions of the Shares may be effected and certain other matters pertaining to the Trust"; (b) "providing Shareholders with information through electronic means"; (c) "handling correspondence from Shareholders about their accounts"; (d) "providing Shareholders with account statements showing their purchases,

sales, and positions in the applicable Fund"; (e) "forwarding communications from the Trust to Shareholders, including proxy statements and proxy solicitation materials, shareholder reports, dividend and tax notices, and updated Prospectuses and Statements of Additional Information"; and (f) "receiving, tabulating and transmitting proxies executed by Shareholders."

154. As set forth in the following table, during the fiscal year ended February 28, 2015, the Funds collectively paid approximately \$46,066,000 to the Shareholder Servicing Agent for the foregoing and other services provided pursuant to the Shareholder Servicing Agreement.

Funds	Shareholder Serving Fees	
Core Bond Fund	\$23,639,000	
High Yield Fund	\$4,307,000	
Short Duration Fund	\$18,120,000	
Total:	\$46,066,000	

- 155. The amounts set forth in the preceding paragraph are in addition to, and duplicative of, any amounts paid by the Funds pursuant to the JPMorgan Administration Agreement for "[p]reparing . . . communications to shareholders"; "[c]oordinating the mailing of prospectuses, notices, proxy statements, proxies, semi-annual and annual reports to shareholders, and other reports to Trust shareholders"; and "[s]upervis[ing] and facilitat[ing] the proxy solicitation process for all shareholder meetings, including the tabulation of shareholder votes."
- 156. The Funds are subject to a Transfer Agency Agreement, dated September 1, 2009, with Boston Financial Data Services, Inc. (the "Transfer Agent"), which requires the Transfer Agent to provide certain services to the Funds.
- 157. The services provided by the Transfer Agent pursuant to the Transfer Agency Agreement include: (a) "mailing shareholder reports and prospectuses"; (b) "preparing and

mailing confirmation forms to shareholders . . . for all purchases and liquidations of shares of the Trust"; and (c) providing information for the Funds' Blue Sky filings.

158. As set forth in the following table, during the fiscal year ended February 28, 2015, the Funds paid approximately \$25,716,000 to the Transfer Agent for the foregoing and other services provided pursuant to the Transfer Agency Agreement.

Funds	Transfer Agency Fees	
Core Bond Fund	\$13,320,000	
High Yield Fund	\$8,013,000	
Short Duration Fund	\$4,383,000	
Total:	\$25,716,000	

159. The amounts set forth in the preceding paragraph are in addition to, and duplicative of, any amounts paid by the Funds pursuant to the JPMorgan Administration Agreement for "[p]reparing . . . communications to shareholders"; "[c]oordinating the mailing of prospectuses . . . semi-annual and annual reports to shareholders"; and "[p]reparing and fil[ing], or supervis[ing] the preparation and filing, of all necessary Blue Sky filings."

THE FEES DEFENDANTS CHARGE TO THE FUNDS ARE NOT NEGOTIATED AT ARM'S LENGTH

- 160. The investment advisory fees paid by the Funds under the IAA are determined by Defendant JPMIM. The administration service fees paid by the Funds under the JPMorgan Administration Agreement are determined by Defendant JPMFM.
- 161. The Board is required to approve the IAA and the JPMorgan Administration Agreement and the fees paid by each of the Funds to Defendants under the IAA and the JPMorgan Administration Agreement on an annual basis.

- 162. The Board has approved the IAA and the JPMorgan Administration Agreement each year without devoting the time and attention necessary to independently assess the fees paid by each Fund or to effectively represent the interests of the Funds' shareholders *vis-à-vis* Defendants.
- 163. Serving on the Board is a part-time job for the Trustees, most of whom are employed full-time in senior-level positions in management, finance, or academia, and/or serve on the boards of directors of other public and privately-held companies and institutions.
- 164. The Board meets quarterly, and during the four meetings each year, the Board is required to conduct its oversight responsibilities not only for each of the Funds, but also for the more than 160 other JP Mutual Funds it oversees. This includes approving investment advisory, administration and other services contracts for each fund, as well as other oversight responsibilities, including, among many others, monitoring each fund's compliance with federal and state law and its stated investment policies; overseeing the daily pricing of each fund's security holdings; and approving each fund's prospectus, annual and semi-annual shareholder reports, and other required regulatory filings.
- 165. In approving the IAA and the JPMorgan Administration Agreement, the Board has relied on information and analyses that were prepared by Defendants or were designed to support Defendants' rationalizations for the investment advisory and administration fees charged to the Funds.
- 166. The Board has not considered information or analyses reflecting the interests of the Funds or their shareholders with respect to the investment advisory fees or critically assessing Defendants' rationalizations for those fees.

- Defendants' representations that the lower fees paid by other clients reflect differences in the services provided to those clients. The Board has not appropriately examined whether the investment advisory services or the administration services provided to those clients by Defendants are different from the services provided to the Funds under the IAA and the JPMorgan Administration Agreement or the extent of any such differences. Nor has the Board considered appropriate information about the cost to Defendants of providing any additional services required by the IAA and the JPMorgan Administration Agreement to assess whether the difference in fees is warranted by any such differences in the services provided.
- 168. The Board has approved the IAA and the JPMorgan Administration Agreement on the terms proposed by Defendants without negotiating more favorable terms or alternative arrangements that would benefit the Funds or their shareholders.
- 169. The Board has not solicited proposals from other advisers to provide investment advisory services to the Funds. The Board has not solicited proposals from other administrators to provide administration services to the Funds.
- 170. The Board has not negotiated a "most favored nation" provision into the IAA or the JPMorgan Administration Agreement, which would require that the fee rates paid by each of the Funds be at least as favorable as the lowest rate other clients pay Defendants for the same or substantially the same investment advisory and/or administration services.
- 171. The Board has approved the payment by each of the Funds of investment advisory and administration fees that are higher than the fees other clients pay Defendants for the same or substantially the same investment advisory and administration services.

- 172. The Board has approved investment advisory fee arrangements that enable Defendants to retain for themselves the vast majority of the benefits of economies of scale resulting from increases in each of the Funds' AUM without appropriately sharing those benefits with the Funds.
- 173. In contrast, JPMIM's fees for providing investment advisory services to the Subadvised Funds are determined by negotiations between two sophisticated financial institutions: JPMIM on the one hand and the sponsor of the Subadvised Fund on the other.
- 174. The sponsors of the Subadvised Funds negotiate at arm's length with JPMIM regarding the fees paid to JPMIM for providing investment advisory services to the Subadvised Funds.
- 175. The Subadvised Funds' sponsors retain as profit any portion of the investment advisory fees received from the funds that remains after the sponsors pay JPMIM's subadvisory fees. By negotiating lower subadvisory fees, the Subadvised Funds sponsors increase the amount of their retained profits.
- 176. The Subadvised Funds' sponsors select investment advisers through a competitive selection process with multiple candidates submitting proposals.
- 177. The Subadvised Funds' sponsors negotiate with investment advisers regarding the fees to be charged at the outset of the relationship and when contracts are subject to renewal. The negotiations include exchanges of proposals and counterproposals resulting in reductions in the fee rates paid by the sponsors to the investment advisers.
- 178. The fees for providing administration services to the Unaffiliated Funds are determined by negotiations between two sophisticated financial institutions: Defendants and/or their affiliates on the one hand and the sponsor of the Unaffiliated Funds on the other.

- 179. The sponsors of the Unaffiliated Funds negotiate at arm's length with Defendants and/or their affiliates regarding the fees paid for providing administration services to the Unaffiliated Funds.
- 180. The Unaffiliated Funds sponsors select administrators through a competitive selection process with multiple candidates submitting proposals.
- 181. The Unaffiliated Funds sponsors negotiate with administrators regarding the fees to be charged at the outset of the relationship and when contracts are subject to renewal. The negotiations include exchanges of proposals and counterproposals resulting in reductions in the fee rates paid by the sponsors of the Unaffiliated Funds to the administrators.

THE EXCESSIVE INVESTMENT ADVISORY AND ADMINISTRATION FEES HARM THE FUNDS

- 182. The investment advisory fees and the administration fees are paid out of each Fund's assets. Each dollar in fees paid by a Fund directly reduces the value of the Fund's investment portfolio.
- 183. The payment of excessive investment advisory fees and administration fees to Defendants harms each of the Funds on a going forward basis because each Fund loses investment returns and profits it could earn on the amounts paid out as fees if those amounts remained in the Fund's portfolio and available for investment.
- 184. Each Fund has sustained millions of dollars in damages due to the excessive investment advisory fees and administration fees paid to Defendants.

COUNT I ON BEHALF OF THE CORE BOND FUND AGAINST DEFENDANT JPMIM FOR VIOLATION OF SECTION 36(b)

- 185. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every allegation contained in ¶¶ 1-10, 17-24, 29-48, 59-63, 68-82, 89-93, 98-101, 106-113, 160-177, and 182-184 above as if fully set forth herein.
 - 186. Plaintiffs assert this Count on behalf of and for the benefit of the Core Bond Fund.
 - 187. Defendant JPMIM is the investment adviser to the Core Bond Fund.
- 188. Under Section 36(b), JPMIM owes a fiduciary duty to the Core Bond Fund with respect to its receipt of investment advisory fees and other compensation from the Fund.
- 189. JPMIM breached its fiduciary duty under Section 36(b) by charging investment advisory fees to the Core Bond Fund that are so disproportionately large that they bear no reasonable relationship to the value of the services provided by JPMIM and could not have been the product of arm's-length bargaining
- 190. As a direct, proximate, and foreseeable result of JPMIM's breach of its fiduciary duty under Section 36(b), the Core Bond Fund has sustained millions of dollars in damages.
- 191. Pursuant to Section 36(b)(3), Plaintiffs seek to recover, on behalf of and for the benefit of the Core Bond Fund, the actual damages resulting from JPMIM's breach of its fiduciary duty, including the excessive investment advisory fees paid by the Core Bond Fund to JPMIM and investment returns that would have accrued to the Core Bond Fund had those fees remained in the portfolio and available for investment.
- 192. Alternatively, under Section 47 of the 1940 Act, 15 U.S.C. § 80a-46, Plaintiffs seek rescission of the IAA and restitution of all excessive investment advisory fees paid by the Core Bond Fund pursuant to the IAA.

COUNT II ON BEHALF OF THE HIGH YIELD FUND AGAINST DEFENDANT JPMIM FOR VIOLATION OF SECTION 36(b)

- 193. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every allegation contained in $\P\P$ 1-10, 17-24, 29-43, 49-53, 59-61, 64-65, 68-79, 83-85, 89-91, 94-95, 98-99, 102-103, 106-113, 160-177, and 182-184 above as if fully set forth herein.
- 194. Plaintiffs assert this Count on behalf of and for the benefit of the High Yield Fund.
 - 195. Defendant JPMIM is the investment adviser to the High Yield Fund.
- 196. Under Section 36(b), JPMIM owes a fiduciary duty to the High Yield Fund with respect to its receipt of investment advisory fees and other compensation from the Fund.
- 197. JPMIM breached its fiduciary duty under Section 36(b) by charging investment advisory fees to the High Yield Fund that are so disproportionately large that they bear no reasonable relationship to the value of the services provided by JPMIM and could not have been the product of arm's-length bargaining.
- 198. As a direct, proximate, and foreseeable result of JPMIM's breach of its fiduciary duty under Section 36(b), the High Yield Fund has sustained millions of dollars in damages.
- 199. Pursuant to Section 36(b)(3), Plaintiffs seek to recover, on behalf of and for the benefit of the High Yield Fund, the actual damages resulting from JPMIM's breach of its fiduciary duty, including the excessive investment advisory fees paid by the High Yield Fund to JPMIM and investment returns that would have accrued to the High Yield Fund had those fees remained in the portfolio and available for investment.

200. Alternatively, under Section 47 of the 1940 Act, 15 U.S.C. § 80a-46, Plaintiffs seek rescission of the IAA and restitution of all excessive investment advisory fees paid by the High Yield Fund pursuant to the IAA.

COUNT III ON BEHALF OF THE SHORT DURATION BOND FUND AGAINST DEFENDANT JPMIM FOR VIOLATION OF SECTION 36(b)

- 201. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every allegation contained in ¶¶ 1-10, 17-24, 29-43, 54-61, 66-79, 86-91, 96-99, 104-113, 160-177, and 182-184 above as if fully set forth herein.
- 202. Plaintiffs assert this Count on behalf of and for the benefit of the Short Duration Bond Fund.
 - 203. Defendant JPMIM is the investment adviser to the Short Duration Bond Fund.
- 204. Under Section 36(b), JPMIM owes a fiduciary duty to the Short Duration Bond Fund with respect to its receipt of investment advisory fees and other compensation from the Fund.
- 205. JPMIM breached its fiduciary duty under Section 36(b) by charging investment advisory fees to the Short Duration Bond Fund that are so disproportionately large that they bear no reasonable relationship to the value of the services provided by JPMIM and could not have been the product of arm's-length bargaining.
- 206. As a direct, proximate, and foreseeable result of JPMIM's breach of its fiduciary duty under Section 36(b), the Short Duration Bond Fund has sustained millions of dollars in damages.
- 207. Pursuant to Section 36(b)(3), Plaintiffs seek to recover, on behalf of and for the benefit of the Short Duration Bond Fund, the actual damages resulting from JPMIM's breach of

its fiduciary duty, including the excessive investment advisory fees paid by the Short Duration Bond Fund to JPMIM and investment returns that would have accrued to the Short Duration Bond Fund had those fees remained in the portfolio and available for investment.

208. Alternatively, under Section 47 of the 1940 Act, 15 U.S.C. § 80a-46, Plaintiffs seek rescission of the IAA and restitution of all excessive investment advisory fees paid by the Short Duration Bond Fund pursuant to the IAA.

COUNT IV ON BEHALF OF THE CORE BOND FUND AGAINST DEFENDANTS JPMFM AND JPMCB FOR VIOLATION OF SECTION 36(b)

- 209. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every allegation contained in ¶¶ 1-2, 11-22, 25-39, 114-171, 178-184 above as if fully set forth herein.
 - 210. Plaintiffs assert this Count on behalf of and for the benefit of the Core Bond Fund.
- 211. Defendant JPMFM is an affiliate of JPMIM and the administrator to the Core Bond Fund.
- 212. Defendant JPMCB is an affiliate of JPMIM and the sub-administrator to the Core Bond Fund.
- 213. Under Section 36(b), JPMFM and JPMCB owe a fiduciary duty to the Core Bond Fund with respect to receipt of administration fees and other compensation from the Core Bond Fund.
- 214. Defendants JPMFM and JPMCB breached their fiduciary duty under Section 36(b) by charging administration fees to the Core Bond Fund that are so disproportionately large that they bear no reasonable relationship to the value of the services provided by Defendants and could not have been the product of arm's-length bargaining.

- 215. As a direct, proximate, and foreseeable result of Defendants JPMFM and JPMCB's breach of fiduciary duty under Section 36(b), the Core Bond Fund has sustained millions of dollars in damages.
- 216. Pursuant to Section 36(b)(3), Plaintiffs seek to recover, on behalf of and for the benefit of the Core Bond Fund, the actual damages resulting from Defendants JPMFM and JPMCB's breach of fiduciary duty, including the excessive administration fees paid by the Core Bond Fund to Defendants and the investment returns that would have accrued to the Core Bond Fund had those fees remained in the portfolio and available for investment.
- 217. Alternatively, under Section 47 of the 1940 Act, 15 U.S.C. § 80a-46, Plaintiffs seek rescission of the JPMorgan Administration Agreement and restitution of all excessive administration fees paid by the Core Bond Fund pursuant to the JPMorgan Administration Agreement.

COUNT V ON BEHALF OF THE HIGH YIELD FUND AGAINST DEFENDANTS JPMFM AND JPMCB FOR VIOLATION OF SECTION 36(b)

- 218. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every allegation contained in ¶¶ 1-2, 11-22, 25-39, 114-171, 178-184 above as if fully set forth herein.
- 219. Plaintiffs assert this Count on behalf of and for the benefit of the High Yield Fund.
- 220. Defendant JPMFM is an affiliate of JPMIM and the administrator to the High Yield Fund.
- 221. Defendant JPMCB is an affiliate of JPMIM and the sub-administrator to the High Yield Fund.

- 222. Under Section 36(b), JPMFM and JPMCB owe a fiduciary duty to the High Yield Fund with respect to receipt of administration fees and other compensation from the High Yield Fund.
- 223. Defendants JPMFM and JPMCB breached their fiduciary duty under Section 36(b) by charging administration fees to the High Yield Fund that are so disproportionately large that they bear no reasonable relationship to the value of the services provided by Defendants and could not have been the product of arm's-length bargaining.
- 224. As a direct, proximate, and foreseeable result of Defendants JPMFM and JPMCB's breach of fiduciary duty under Section 36(b), the High Yield Fund has sustained millions of dollars in damages.
- 225. Pursuant to Section 36(b)(3), Plaintiffs seek to recover, on behalf of and for the benefit of the High Yield Fund, the actual damages resulting from Defendants JPMFM and JPMCB's breach of fiduciary duty, including the excessive administration fees paid by the High Yield Fund to Defendants and the investment returns that would have accrued to the High Yield Fund had those fees remained in the portfolio and available for investment.
- 226. Alternatively, under Section 47 of the 1940 Act, 15 U.S.C. § 80a-46, Plaintiffs seek rescission of the JPMorgan Administration Agreement and restitution of all excessive administration fees paid by the High Yield Fund pursuant to the JPMorgan Administration Agreement.

COUNT VI ON BEHALF OF THE SHORT DURATION BOND FUND AGAINST DEFENDANTS JPMFM AND JPMCB FOR VIOLATION OF SECTION 36(b)

227. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every allegation contained in ¶¶ 1-2, 11-22, 25-39, 114-171, 178-184 above as if fully set forth herein.

- 228. Plaintiffs assert this Count on behalf of and for the benefit of the Short Duration Bond Fund.
- 229. Defendant JPMFM is an affiliate of JPMIM and the administrator to the Short Duration Bond Fund.
- 230. Defendant JPMCB is an affiliate of JPMIM and the sub-administrator to the Short Duration Bond Fund.
- 231. Under Section 36(b), JPMFM and JPMCB owe a fiduciary duty to the Short Duration Bond Fund with respect to receipt of administration fees and other compensation from the Short Duration Bond Fund.
- 232. Defendants JPMFM and JPMCB breached their fiduciary duty under Section 36(b) by charging administration fees to the Short Duration Bond Fund that are so disproportionately large that they bear no reasonable relationship to the value of the services provided by Defendants and could not have been the product of arm's-length bargaining.
- 233. As a direct, proximate, and foreseeable result of Defendants JPMFM and JPMCB's breach of fiduciary duty under Section 36(b), the Short Duration Bond Fund has sustained millions of dollars in damages.
- 234. Pursuant to Section 36(b)(3), Plaintiffs seek to recover, on behalf of and for the benefit of the Short Duration Bond Fund, the actual damages resulting from Defendants JPMFM and JPMCB's breach of fiduciary duty, including the excessive administration fees paid by the Short Duration Bond Fund to Defendants and the investment returns that would have accrued to the Short Duration Bond Fund had those fees remained in the portfolio and available for investment.

235. Alternatively, under Section 47 of the 1940 Act, 15 U.S.C. § 80a-46, Plaintiffs seek rescission of the JPMorgan Administration Agreement and restitution of all excessive administration fees paid by the Short Duration Bond Fund pursuant to the JPMorgan Administration Agreement.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for relief and judgment on behalf of and for the benefit of each of the Funds as follows:

- A. declaring that Defendants have violated Section 36(b), 15 U.S.C. § 80a-35(b), through the receipt of excessive investment advisory and administration fees from each Fund;
- B. permanently enjoining Defendants from further violations of Section 36(b);
- C. awarding compensatory damages against Defendants, including repayment to each Fund of all unlawful and excessive investment advisory fees paid by such Fund from one year prior to the commencement of this action through the date of trial, lost investment returns on those amounts, and interest thereon;
- D. rescinding the IAA between JPMIM and the Funds pursuant to Section 47 of the 1940 Act, 15 U.S.C. § 80a-46, including restitution to each Fund of the excessive investment advisory fees paid to JPMIM by such Fund from one year prior to the commencement of this action through the date of trial, lost investment returns on those amounts, and interest thereon;

E. rescinding the JPMorgan Administration Agreement pursuant to Section 47 of the 1940 Act, 15 U.S.C. § 80a-46, including restitution to each Fund of the excessive administration fees paid to JPMFM and JPMCB by such Fund from one year prior to the commencement of this action through the date of trial, lost investment returns on those amounts, and interest thereon;

- F. awarding Plaintiffs reasonable costs in this action, including attorneys' fees, expert witness fees, and such other items as may be allowed to the maximum extent permitted by law; and
- G. such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Plaintiffs demand a trial by jury.

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